

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION**

S.F. No. 1595

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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to vocational rehabilitation; appropriating money for seniors who are
 1.3 becoming blind.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated to
 1.7 the commissioner of employment and economic development for State Services for the
 1.8 Blind. Funds appropriated must be used to provide services for senior citizens who are
 1.9 becoming blind. At least half of the funds appropriated must be used to provide training
 1.10 services for seniors who are becoming blind and must be administered at an Adjustment
 1.11 to Blindness Center in the state. Training services must provide independent living
 1.12 skills to seniors who are becoming blind to allow them to continue to live independently
 1.13 in their homes.